THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE L. NARASIMHA REDDY

Writ Petition No.4293 of 2007

Dated 05-03-2007

Between:

Idukallu Karnam Rajasekhar

…Petitioner

And

The District Collector/Assistant Returning Officer,
Anantapur

…Respondent

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ORDER:

The petitioner submitted his nomination, for being elected to the A.P. State Legislative Council, from Kadapa Anantapur Kurnool Graduates' Constituency. In his nomination, he described the name as 'Karanam Rajasekhar'. The nomination was found to be in order, and his name figured in the list of valid nominations. Petitioner made a representation dated 26-02-2007, with a prayer that his name be prefixed with the word 'Idukallu'. This writ petition is filed with a prayer to issue necessary directions to the respondent, the Returning Officer.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, and learned Government Pleader for General Administration Department.

It is not in dispute that the name of the petitioner is entered as Karanam Rajasekhar in the concerned voters' list, as well as in the nomination papers. The representation of the People Act 1950 and the Rules made thereunder prescribes the procedure for printing of ballots. It hardly needs any emphasis, that the ballot papers must contain the name of a candidate, which is reflected in the nomination paper. Any deviation in this regard, is prone to be treated as a serious illegality. Once it is clear that the name of the petitioner was shown as Karanam Rajasekhar, the question of adding any prefix or suffix, for that name, in the ballot paper, does not arise.

The writ petition is accordingly dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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Dt.05-03-2007 **L. NARASIMHA**
REDDY, J.
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